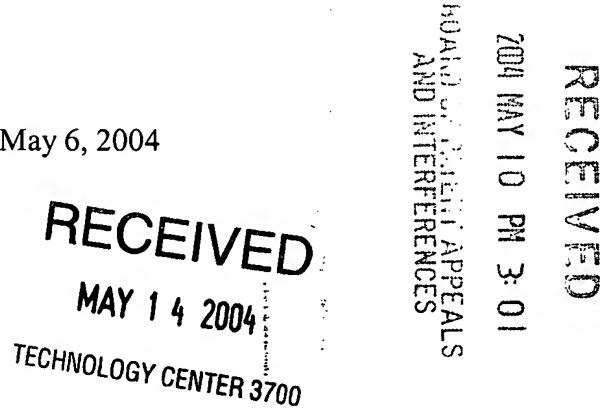


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.660(d), Applicants hereby notify the Board of litigation related to the two applications involved in the above-identified request for interference. More specifically, Carroll Container Corporation, the assignee of the above-identified application filed February 20, 2004, filed an Answer and Counterclaim on April 28, 2004 in Grant Superior Court in Indiana (Cause No. 27D01-0403-PL-159) in response to a Complaint by Arch W. Carroll, the applicant of the application filed September 2, 2003. In the Answer and Counterclaim, Carroll Container Corporation requests a declaratory judgment declaring Carroll Container Corporation to be the sole owner of the invention that is the subject of the applications involved in the above-identified request for interference.

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